GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:210
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COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mines in which the mining work is not being done by the coal industry at present State-wise;

(b) the reasons therefor, mine-wise;

(c) the loss of royalty suffered thereby to the country and the concerned States during the last three years and the current year;

(d) whether the Government propose to hand over these unviable mines to the private parties;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in answer to Parts (a) to (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 210 foranswer on 18.3.2002, asked by Shri Ram Tahal Chaudhary and Shri Laxman Giluwa regarding Coal Mines.

(a) & (b): The number of coal mines of Coal India Limited (CIL)and Singareni Collieries CompanyLimited (SCCL),in which mining work is not being done at present, State-wise is given below :-

State	No. of Mines
West Bengal	59
Bihar/Jharkhand	44
Madhya Pradesh	37
Chattisgarh	13
Maharashtra	17
Andhra Pradesh	9
Total	179

Reasons for which mining is not being done in the above mines are:-

No. of Mines	Reasons for closure/non-working
134	Exhaustion of reserves
23	Techno-economic reasons
5	Safety

2	Geomining conditions
4	Fire
5	Drowning of pit
3	To work through other incline/Amalgamated with other mines
1	Due to poor off- take
2	Unviable poor grade of coal
179	Total

(c): Decline in production due to closure of mines is continuously made up from other on going mines as well as from new projects with redeployment of men & machines.

(d) to (f): The Government does not have any proposal, atpresent, to hand over any mine to any private party. Under the existing provisions of the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973, private sector companies can onlydo captive coal mining for generation of power, production of iron & steel or production of cement or such other end uses as may be specified by the Government from time to time.